(b) what was the name of the agent involved; and

(c) what additional information has been found as a result of the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) The then Raksha Mantri had recorded a note on 11 March, 1987 directing certain enquiries into the allegation by agencies under the Ministry of Finance. The enquiry reports, received recently, are under examination.

Violation of secrecy agreement by West Germany in submarine deal

3153. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there are firm clues that West Germany's secrecy agreement with India on submarine was violated by the illegal supply of submarine construction plans and materials to South-Africa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) On enquiries made by Government, HDW had reported that the papers transferred by them to South Africa did not include any classified or confidential information relating to the Indian submarines. The FRG Government have confirmed the report tendered by HDW.

Departmental inquiry for payment of commission in HDW submarine deal

3154. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRI AJIT SINGH:
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Departmental Inquiry has been ordered into the alleged payment of huge commission to Indian agents in connection with the HDW submarine deal; and

(b) if so, the present state of inquiry and when the inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Enquiries into this allegation were undertaken by the Enforcement Directorate, Central Board of Direct Taxes and the Central Bureau of Investigation. Their reports are under consideration of the Government.

Action aginst Indian representatives at Islamic Conference

3155. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that the President of Indian Union Muslim League and another delegate attended the Islamic International Conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, on February 16, 1988, as Indian representatives, and the conference have adopted and issued a communique expressing concern at the plight of Muslims in Kashmir and other parts of the country and also raising the Kashmir issue by President Zia in the Conference; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the reaction of the Government of

India and action taken by Government against the Indian Members attended and steps taken with other countries attending conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There was no official representation from India in this Conference held last month. While Government's concern at the resolutions passed were conveyed to the Government of Pakistan, it did not comment upon the attitude by those who attended the conference as the details about the positions of the individual parties and countries are not available.

Withdrawal of IPKF

3156. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil rebels (LTTE) have been taking secretly to certain member of the Sri Lankan Government of circumvent India and the LTTE had been told by Sri Lankan Government that it would have to vacate the island's Eastern part, but keep arms in the North and ream the local administration there without facing any Election and Sri Lanka and LTTE would jointly demand the withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what are the details and what is the reaction of the Government of India and Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have received reports of secret talks between the LTTE and some members of the Sri Lankan' Government on these lines. The Government of Sri Lanka have, however, assured the Government of India that it is committed to the full implementation of the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement. Any such self-serving arrangements against the spirit of the Agreement will be rejected by both Governments.

Seat reservation for blinds in the Legislatures

3157. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reserve seats for blind in the Legislatures;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Constitution provides for reservation of seats in the Legislatures only on the basis of communities and not on any other basis, like handicapped, blind, etc.

Classified defence documents seized by police

3158. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that "classified documents" of the Defence Ministry's recruitment branch was seized by the police from one Kanwar Sen of Kakrola village near Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some senior functionaries of the Defence Ministry's recruiting agency are also involved in this;

(d) whether full investigation is being made in this matter;